

Decision Maker: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Title: FALLS PREVENTION SYSTEM REVIEW: FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Ward: Borough-wide

1. Summary

- 1.1 This paper presents the final report of the Falls Task and Finish Group, convened to ensure that falls prevention work in Bromley is meeting the evidence based standards as described by NICE (Quality Standard 86).
 - 1.2 Falls and their associated morbidity and mortality is an issue which has been raised in recent Joint Strategic Needs Assessments. This led to a discussion with members of the Health and Well-being board on falls prevention, and a decision to review the current system in Bromley. Professor Cameron Swift, a resident of Bromley and a national expert on falls, was asked to support this work.
 - 1.3 The final report is presented to the Bromley Health and Well-being Board for agreement in addition to discussion as to how recommendations set out will be tracked going forward.
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2. Reason for Report going to Health and Wellbeing Board

- 2.1 An interim report was presented at the 29 March 2018 Health and Well-being Board meeting. It was agreed at this meeting that a final report including recommendations would be reported to the Health and Well-being Board on 19 July 2018.
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3. **SPECIFIC ACTION REQUIRED BY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD AND ITS CONSTITUENT PARTNER ORGANISATIONS**

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:
 - i) Approve the final report; and,
 - ii) Support the presentation of the report to the Integrated Commissioning Board, with a proposal of a Bromley Joint Working Group to take the recommendations forward within a specified timescale. This will also include a prioritisation process of which recommendations to take forward over the next 12 months.

Health & Wellbeing Strategy

Falls prevention supports a health and wellbeing theme of the strategy to improve the quality of life and well-being of those with specific needs.

Financial

Not applicable at this stage. Some of the recommendations from the report may require additional resource, such as falls awareness training to a wider workforce and the role of a Falls Service Coordinator. However if greater use is made of an evidence-based approach to falls prevention, this should result in costs savings to the health and social care sector and provide a greater quality of life to those at risk.

Supporting Public Health Outcome Indicator(s)

The following Public Health Outcome Indicators are supported through this work:

- 2.24: Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people aged 65 and over.
 - 4.14: Hip fractures in people aged 65 and over.
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4. COMMENTARY

4.1 See report attached at Appendix A.

5. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE PEOPLE AND CHILDREN

5.1 This work will support the routine identification of older people with a recent history of falls in order to take preventative action.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Any recommended initiatives as a result of the review will be subject to appropriate business case preparations and approvals at the appropriate stage.

7. IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS, BOARDS AND PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY POLICY AND FINANCIAL CHANGES, REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE ITEM

7.1 This project provides a focus for joint working between the London Borough of Bromley and Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal implications, Comment from the Director of Author Organisation
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Not Applicable.